

City Council

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

**CITY OF MURRIETA
Council Chambers
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562**



**Tuesday, June 16, 2026
4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION
FOLLOWING REGULAR
MEETING**

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**Jon Levell
Mayor**

**Ron Holliday
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Lisa DeForest
Council Member**

**Lori Stone
Council Member**

**Cindy Warren
Council Member**

**Justin Clifton, City Manager
Tiffany Israel, City Attorney
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk**

**MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL (CC)
MURRIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (CSD)
MURRIETA FIRE DISTRICT (FD)
MURRIETA LIBRARY BOARD (LB)
MURRIETA REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY (RSA)
MURRIETA HOUSING AUTHORITY (HA)
MURRIETA FINANCING AUTHORITY (FA)**

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4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Cindy Warren
Council Member Lisa DeForest
Council Member Lori Stone
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Holliday
Mayor Jon Levell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro Tem Ron Holliday

INVOCATION Pastor Zac Martin, The Bridge Church

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PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Library Teen Advisory Council - Summer Reading Challenge

Presentation: City Ambassadors

Proclamation: 250th Anniversary of the United States of America

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren to approve the Agenda for June 16, 2026.

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: None

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

**GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB)
REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Provided Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Council Member DeForest: Provided verbal Announcements.

Council Member Stone: Provided Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Mayor Pro Tem Holliday: Provided Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Mayor Levell: Provided Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Bernita Lacy (Murrieta): Representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) with Dr. Barnes, extended an invitation to an upcoming Juneteenth celebration and provided a handout.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 19

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-19 with Council Member DeForest recusing from Item No. 13 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: None

1. Waive Reading of All Ordinance Adoptions on the Agenda and Read by Title Only

Recommended Action:

Waive reading, by title only, of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Said Ordinances and Resolutions which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

2. Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026, Regular City Council meeting as presented.

3. Check Register April 2026

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4946 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Consolidated Check Register for the Month of April 2026.*

4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for April 2026

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for April 2026.

5. Approval of Subscription with Blumira for Cybersecurity Software and Monitoring Services

Recommended Action:

Approve a three (3) year subscription for cybersecurity software and monitoring services with Blumira, Inc. through CyberTech Analytics in an amount not-to-exceed \$270,150;

Accept the Blumira, Inc., terms and conditions;

Authorize exemption from current bidding requirements in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.280.I.; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute related orders, renewals, amendments, and administrative changes necessary to maintain the service, provided the total cost does not exceed the approved budget authority.

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6. Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Firefighters Association for the Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4947 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Firefighters Association for the Period July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029.*

7. Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Fire Management Association for the Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4948 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Fire Management Association for the Period July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029.*

8. Consideration of Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/27 Comprehensive Pay Schedule

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4949 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Comprehensive Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and*

Approve the Updated Schedule of Authorized Positions.

9. Donation Acceptance for Murrieta Children's Library Expansion Project

Recommended Action:

Approve the acceptance of a donation from the Friends of the Murrieta Library in the amount of \$120,000, to be used towards the Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment in the Children's Library Expansion Project.

10. Murrieta Children's Library Expansion Project - Amendment to Public Works Construction Contract with R.C. Construction Services, Inc.

Recommended Action:

Approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget to transfer from CIP Project Nos. 21025 and 21026 for flooring and concrete work, respectively, to CIP Project No. 21027, the Children's Library Expansion Project;

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with R.C. Construction Services, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$810,006.34 for for a new not-to-exceed total of \$5,998,606.34, plus a 15% contingency; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

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11. Second Reading of Ordinance 635-26 approving the City's Residential Objective Design Standards Update and Development Code Amendment to Chapters 16.08 and 16.16 (MCA-2026-00013)
Recommended Action:
 Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance 635-26 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending Title 16 of the Murrieta Municipal Code to Revise the City's Development Code (Planning Case No. MCA-2026-00013) Chapters 16.08 and 16.16, and to Amend the Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Objective Design Standards.*
12. Approval of Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/27
Recommended Action:
 Adopt Resolution No. 26-4950, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026/27.*
13. Second Reading of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta

***** Council Member DeForest recused herself from Item No. 13 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. *****

Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 636-26 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acting in its Capacity as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes.*

14. Approve the Purchase of a Mechanic Service Truck for Murrieta Fire & Rescue

Recommended Action:

Approve the purchase of a mechanic service truck through a cooperative purchasing program in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.295; and

Authorize the City Manager to approve and execute the Rush Truck Centers proposal, Johnson Equipment quote, and any other necessary documents to initiate procurement and construction of the mechanic service truck for a total of \$263,278.15.

15. Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Excel Landscape, Inc., for Citywide Landscape Maintenance Services

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$178,649 as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Excel Landscape, Inc., to provide Citywide Landscape Maintenance services for an additional year, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,960,500; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the Amendment with Excel Landscape, Inc.

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16. Approve an Amendment with CR&R, Inc., to Provide Citywide Street Sweeping Services

Recommended Action:

Approve the first Amendment to the agreement with CR&R, Inc., to provide citywide street sweeping services for an additional six (6) months in an amount not to exceed \$175,000; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Amendment with CR&R, Inc.

17. Notice of Completion of the Los Alamos Hills and Torrey Pines Park Synthetic Turf Replacement Project, CIP No. 22039

Recommended Action:

Accept the improvements for the Los Alamos Hills and Torrey Pines Park Synthetic Turf Replacement Project, CIP No. 22039, as complete;

Direct the City Clerk or her designee to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with State law and City Ordinances; and

Release any remaining retention from CIP No. 22039 in accordance with State law and City Ordinances.

18. Notice of Completion of the Alderwood Pickleball Courts Project, CIP No. 22042

Recommended Action:

Accept the improvements for the Alderwood Pickleball Courts Project, CIP No. 22042, as complete;

Direct the City Clerk or her designee to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with State law and City Ordinances; and

Release any remaining retention from CIP No. 22042 in accordance with State law and City Ordinances.

19. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Map Book 8/359, Por Lot 191- Brandywine Homes

Recommended Action:

Accept the public improvements constructed for Map Book 8/359, Por Lot 191, APN 913-210-043, located at the southeast corner of Delhaven Street and Date Street and north of Rising Hill Drive;

Authorize the City Engineer to release ninety percent (90%) of the associated improvement security bonds; and

Authorize the Municipal Services Department to assume ongoing maintenance of the public improvements in accordance with City maintenance standards.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS**20. Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 - Status of Job Vacancies**

Human Resources Manager Mike McGhee and Management Analyst Michelle Tamez provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public hearing opened at 5:23 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:23 p.m.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to conduct a Public Hearing to present the status of vacancies and the City's recruitment and retention efforts, as required by Government Code Section 3502.3.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: None

21. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Murrieta Fire District Operating Budget

Finance Director Javier Carcamo and Financial Analyst Tanner Benson provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public hearing opened at 5:29 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:30 p.m.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to conduct a Public Hearing; and Adopt Resolution No. MFD26-228 entitled: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District Approving the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Fire District Operating Budget.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: None

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DISCUSSION

22. Establishing A Virtual Participation Policy Pursuant to Senate Bill 707

City Clerk Cristal McDonald provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comments: None

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Levell, seconded by Council Member DeForest, to adopt Resolution No. 26-4951 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting A Virtual Participation City Council Policy Pursuant to Senate Bill No. 707.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Holliday, Levell

Noes: Stone

Absent: None

23. Consideration of Resolution Nos. 26-4952 to 26-4954 Calling a General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026, Requesting Consolidation with the County of Riverside, and Adopting Regulations Pertaining to Candidate Statements

City Clerk McDonald and Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public Comments: None

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Stone, to adopt Resolution No. 26-4952: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities; and Other Election Matters As Required By Law;*

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4953: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to §10403 of the California Election Code; and Other Election Matters as Required by Law;*

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4954 (OPTION B): *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office, Pertaining to, and Costs of, Candidate Statements Submitted to the Voters at the Consolidated General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 400 words and requiring candidates to pay for the costs associated with candidate statements; and*

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Direct the City Clerk to fulfill any administrative requirements in accordance with the law.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

RECONSIDERATION None

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA, AGENDIZED, CLOSED SESSION) None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced the following Closed Session Items:

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in 1 (one) case.

CS2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, and the City's Negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with the Murrieta Police Officers Association, Murrieta Police Management Association, Murrieta Firefighters Association, and Murrieta Fire Management Association.

CS3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services Director, and City Attorney, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95(b), to consider the following workers' compensation claim(s): Driscoll v. City of Murrieta (WCAB Case No. ADJ17758741).

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER 7:06 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel stated for the record the City Council's attendance during Closed Session and reported the following:

Attendance:

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Present: Council Member Cindy Warren
Council Member Lisa DeForest
Council Member Lori Stone
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Holliday
Mayor Jon Levell

Closed Session Action:

CS1.: No reportable action.

CS2.: No reportable action.

CS3.: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT 7:06 p.m.



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk